



MT-060 Squadron Newsletter

Leadership Quotes of the Month

February 2006

"You don't lead by hitting people over the head-that's assault, not leadership." -General Dwight D. Eisenhower

"Lead me, follow me, or get out of my way."
- General George Patton

"Courage is like love: it must have hope for nourishment."
- Napoleon Bonaparte

"I feel that retired generals should never miss an opportunity to remain silent concerning matters for which they are no longer responsible." - General H. Norman Schwarzkopf

"Cowards die many times before their deaths; the valiant never taste death but once." - William Shakespeare

"The man who can't make a mistake can't make anything."
- Abraham Lincoln

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"Life is change. Growth is optional. Choose wisely."
- Karen Kaiser Clark

*"You will do foolish things,
but do them with
enthusiasm."*
- Colette

Message from the Commander ^{1st Lt. Hoffman}

First of all I would like to extend my congratulations to the graduates of the Cadet Orientation Course and the Unit Commanders Course hosted here in Helena, Montana. Your dedication and motivation to the Lewis and Clark Composite Squadron sets a positive example for all other Squadron personnel to follow. Thank you for your time and commitment to an already growing and flourishing Squadron.

I would also like to extend my sincere appreciation to the participants of the Model Rocketry Competition. Several of the Squadron personnel have put in a number of hours each week to prepare for the project submission by April. Good luck in your continued endeavors to place on the National Level.

With the notification of a new state mission, we will be concentrating on preparing both aircrews and ground teams to respond, if and when, we are needed. Only through training and preparation will we be able to meet the needs of our "Missions for America". This is the first step in the future of the Montana Wing and the Lewis Clark Composite Squadron promising new and exciting things for CAP volunteers. Let's prepare to meet these missions with proficiency and a positive mind frame.

Air Force Medal of Honor Recipients

<https://www.airforcehistory.hq.af.mil/PopTopics/MOH.htm>

Lieutenant Colonel Joe M. Jackson

On May 12, 1968, Colonel Jackson, commander of an unarmed C-123 transport aircraft, flew from Da Nang to Kham Duc, South Vietnam, on an emergency mission. A Special Forces camp at Kham Duc was being overrun by enemy forces. They had taken the forward outpost and were in complete control of the air strip. Located in a valley, the airstrip was surrounded on all sides by mountainous terrain.

While orbiting over the battle area Colonel Jackson learned by radio that in the evacuation of the camp by air, a three-man Combat Control Team had inadvertently been left behind. Another C-123 transport was ahead of Colonel Jackson in the traffic pattern. The aircraft landed successfully on the airstrip littered with debris, including a wrecked helicopter, but failed to evacuate the team. Colonel Jackson then descended rapidly from 9,000 feet and made an assault landing on the strip under heavy enemy fire. After he stopped, a rocket fell in front of the transport. A dud, it bounced harmlessly toward the nose of the plane without exploding.

Colonel Jackson had landed near the spot where the three men had been reported to be hiding. With the team safely on board, he quickly took off under a mortar barrage and intense automatic weapons fire from the surrounding hills. After landing at Da Nang the crew found that not a single bullet had touched their aircraft during the entire flight.

Colonel Jackson was awarded the Medal of Honor for rescuing the three man team. The presentation was made by President Lyndon B. Johnson at the White House Jan. 16, 1969.

Major Leo K. Thorsness

On April 19, 1967, Major Thorsness piloted an F-105 Thunder chief on a combat mission over North Vietnam. He was flying with a strike force sent out to suppress surface-to-air missile (SAM) sites.

Acting with his electronic warfare officer, Major Thorsness first detected one site as it was about to launch an attack and destroyed it with a Shrike missile. Almost immediately, another site was discovered. Major Thorsness flew through heavy anti-aircraft fire to score direct hits on the site with cluster bombs.

On this second strike Major Thorsness' wingman was hit and the two crew members bailed out. As he circled the descending parachutes, a MIG-17 appeared in the area. Major Thorsness promptly dived but his shots missed the enemy fighter. Attacking again, he closed rapidly to pour 2-mm cannon fire into the MIG. Just as he pulled up sharply to avoid a collision, he saw the fighter go into a tight spin and crash.

Major Thorsness then had to leave because he was low on fuel. While searching for a KC-135 Stratotanker, he learned from the Search and Rescue Center that two helicopters were waiting for an escort before attempting a rescue of the downed crew. Major Thorsness flew back alone, spotting four MIG-17s as he neared the bailout area. He immediately attacked and damaged one of the enemy aircraft with a long burst of cannon fire. He drew the others away by diving and flying close to the ground until they gave up pursuit.

Although now critically short of fuel, Major Thorsness advised another F-105 to fly to the nearest tanker when the crew reported that it would have to bail out unless their aircraft could be quickly refueled. He then diverted to a forward base where he landed with only a 10-minute supply of fuel remaining.

Major Thorsness was awarded the Medal of Honor for his deeds of extraordinary heroism on this mission. Only 11 days later he was shot down over North Vietnam and held prisoner for nearly six years. Following his release, Major Thorsness received this highest decoration for valor from President Richard M. Nixon at the White House Oct. 15, 1973.

Squadron Profile: Physical Fitness Awards

National headquarters will recognize squadrons that make physical fitness a cornerstone of their Cadet Program. The Squadron Physical Fitness Award is a voluntary program open to every cadet unit twice per year. For more details about the awards and the Cadet Physical Fitness Test (CPFT), see CAPP 52-18.

In May and/or November, simply administer the CPFT. If 70% of the cadets in your squadron can perform at the 50th percentile of the PCPFS survey (or higher) for their age and gender, your unit qualifies for the award.

The requirements of the gold, silver, and bronze awards are shown below. The award program itself is simple, but fulfilling the standards will be a challenge.

<u>Award Level</u>	<u>Requirements</u>	<u>Award</u>
Gold Award	70% at 70th percentile	Trophy
Silver Award	70% at 60th percentile	Certificate
Bronze Award	70% at 50th percentile	Certificate



Test Periods. In May and/or November, conduct the CPFT as you normally would.

Award Requirements. At least 70% of the total cadet membership must meet or surpass the award standards to earn an award at any level. Total membership means the number of cadets who are official CAP members on the first day of May or November, according to the HQ CAP database. For example, for a squadron with 30 cadets on the membership rolls, 21 (70%) must meet the award standards. If only 25 cadets happen to test, 21 still need to pass.

Squadron Positions

Squadron Commander

Special Advisor to the Commander
Squadron Vice Commander

1st Lt. Shelly Hoffman
Maj. Rob Hoffman
1st Lt. Duane Lund

Deputy Commander of Seniors

Aerospace Education Officer
Communications Officer
Finance Officer
Supply and Logistics Officer
Emergency Services Officer
Public Affairs Officer
Recruiting and Retention Officer
Drug Demand Reduction
Moral Leadership Officer
Safety Officer
Personnel Officer
Professional Development

1st Lt. Dennis Coulson
Vacant
2d Lt. Carlyn Bunegar
Pending
Pending
Pending
Pending
Maj. Rob Hoffman
SM Drenda Carlson
1st Lt. Duane Lund
1st Lt. Dennis Coulson
2d Lt. Carolan Bunegar
2d Lt. Carolan Bunegar

Deputy Commander of Cadets

Leadership Officer
Activities Officer
Cadet Programs Aerospace Officer

Capt. Gil Johnson
Maj. Rob Hoffman
Vacant
Pending

Cadet Commander

Cadet Deputy Commander
Cadet Executive Officer
Cadet Flight Commander
Cadet First Sergeant
Cadet Flight Sergeant
Element Leaders

C/2d Lt. Ashley Smith
Vacant
C/MSgt Matthew Roddewig
Vacant
C/TSgt Spencer Gilchrist
C/TSgt Casey Johnson
Pending

Promotions

Cadet Spencer Gilcrest C/TSgt

Cadet Casey Johnson C/TSgt

February Schedule:

February 2, 2006 Thursday – BDU's

1800 – 1825 Cadet Testing
 1830 – 1840 Squadron Opening Formation
 1840 – 2000 DDR/Leadership Presentation
 2000 – 2045 Emergency Services
 2030 – 2045 Flight Time
 2045 – 2055 Squadron Closing Formation

February 9, 2006 Thursday - PC

1830 – 1840 Squadron Opening Formation
 1840 – 2000 Cadet Physical Fitness
 2000 – 2050 Team Building Exercises
 2050 – 2055 Squadron Closing Formation

February 16, 2006 Thursday – BDU's

1800 – 1825 Cadet Testing
 1830 – 1840 Squadron Opening Formation
 1840 – 1930 Aerospace Education
 1930 – 1945 Safety Briefing
 1945 – 2050 Moral Leadership
 2050 – 2100 Squadron Closing Formation

February 23, 2006 Thursday - Blues

1830 – 1840 Squadron Opening Formation
 1840 – 1930 Aerospace Education
 1930 – 2050 Flight Time
 2050 – 2100 Squadron Closing Formation

Aircraft Identification Quiz

What are these aircraft?



Squadron Events Photo Gallery



Members of the Lewis and Clark Composite Squadron build rockets to prepare themselves to design a Squadron rocket for the Team America Rocketry Contest.



Capt. Johnson tests his rocket's center of gravity.



Captain Johnson and 1st Lt. Coulson take a timeout to admire their work,



C/2d Lt. Smith and C/TSgt Gilchrist conduct a uniform inspection during the Squadron's Cadet Orientation Course that was held on 27 JAN 06.

The Cadet Commander and First Sergeant measure rank for placement accuracy.



The Cadet Staff complete their first Cadet Orientation Course of the Year.



UNIT COMMANDERS COURSE A HIT!!!

The Lewis and Clark Composite Squadron graduates 6 personnel from the Unit Commanders Course, directed by Major Rob Hoffman, held in Helena, MT on February 27 & 28. The Lewis and Clark Composite Squadron set a good example in professional development by being the only Squadron to support this training. Great Job!

The History of Leadership

The MT-060 Cadet Staff completed their History of Leadership presentation by giving a detailed lecture on the Battle of the Bulge. Cadet Staff walked the Squadron through the Battle of the Bulge giving examples of military leadership and correspondence of today's Air Force values demonstrated during a turning point in WWII history.



The History of Leadership cont.

The History of Leadership is a new Cadet Staff program instituted by the Lewis and Clark Composite Squadron to teach leadership and development theories based off of actual Military engagements throughout the History of the United States.

Great job Cadet Staff!!

C/2d. Lt Smith,

C/MSGT Roddewig,

C/TSGT Gilchrist,

and C/TSGT Johnson.



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